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In re Application of :  
John A. Hockman : DECISION ON PETITION  
Serial No. 09/878,642 : UNDER  
Filed: June 11, 2001 : M.P.E.P. 708.02, I MANUF.  
For: METHOD FOR REDUCING THE :  
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BATCH :

This is in response to the petition filed July 16, 2001, requesting that the above-identified application be made special under the accelerated examination procedure set forth in M.P.E.P. Section 708.02, Section I: Manufacture (fee paid).

The petition has been considered and found to comply with the requirements set forth under the above-noted section.

If the examiner can make this application special without prejudice to any possible interfering applications, and he/she should make a rigid search for such, he/she is authorized to do so for the next action. Should the application be rejected, the application will not be considered special for the subsequent action unless the applicant promptly makes a bona fide effort to place the application in condition for allowance, even if it is necessary to have an interview with the examiner to accomplish this purpose.

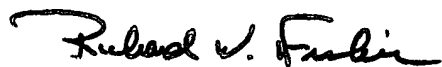
If the examiner finds any interfering application for the same subject matter, he/she should consider such application simultaneously with this case and should state in the official letter of such application that he is taking it out of its turn because of a possible interference.

Should an appeal be taken in this case or should this case become involved in an interference, consideration of the appeal and the interference will be expedited by all

Patent and Trademark Office officials concerned, contingent likewise upon diligent prosecution by the applicant.

After allowance, this case will be given priority for printing. See MPEP 1309.

The petition is GRANTED.

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